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Interview of: DOROTHY RILEY

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The above-captioned matter convened, pursuant to notice, at 11:14 a.m.

BEFORE: MARIETTE BURER

APPEARANCES:

MARIETTE BURER National Transportation Safety Board

PAT BARNES
National Transportation Safety Board

MAJ. STEVE RIVENBURGH New York State Park Police

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1 INTERVIEW

- 2 (11:14 a.m.)
- 3 MS. BURER: My name is Mariette Burer with the
- 4 National Transportation Safety Board. It is about 14 minutes
- 5 after 11:00, on Tuesday, October 4, 2005. And we're here with
- 6 one of the passengers on the Ethan Allen. And she's on my
- 7 left. I would like her to introduce herself.
- 8 MS. RILEY: And my name is Dorothy Riley. I'm one of
- 9 the survivors and I am from Michigan. And --
- 10 MS. BURER: And then next to her left.
- 11 MS. BARNES: I am Pat Barnes, with the National
- 12 Transportation Safety Board.
- MR. RIVENBURGH: I am Steve Rivenburgh, Major within
- 14 the New York State Park Police.
- 15 INTERVIEW OF DOROTHY RILEY
- 16 BY MS. BURER:
- 17 Q. So what I would like to do is go ahead and just get
- 18 some general information as far as how you got involved with
- 19 the tour, what made you come down here at this particular time
- 20 of the year.
- 21 A. Okay.
- 22 Q. So in your own words describe.
- 23 A. Okay, I was on the Color Tour with the senior
- 24 citizens in Michigan. And I belong to the Whitmore Lake Senior
- 25 Center. And there were several other centers included. We

- 1 were on our way back from a seven-night, eight-day tour. This
- 2 was to be our second-to-last night, and this was part of the --
- 3 part of the tour to take this cruise -- such a lovely day. My
- 4 husband and I have always boated in whalers and never had an
- 5 experience like this. Whalers do not sink. They're very
- 6 stable and they have a lot of power. If you'd like me to
- 7 continue with my interpretation, okay?
- 8 Q. Yes, just as far as what did you do when you first
- 9 woke up, what time you woke up. And then just carry us through
- 10 the entire day.
- 11 A. Oh, the day?
- 12 Q. Yes, the day of the actual accident.
- 13 A. Oh, the night before where were we staying? Vermont
- 14 or -- New Hampshire. I think we were still -- we toured
- 15 Vermont and New Hampshire on railroad tours and different ones.
- 16 And we came from that area. We had to leave about 8:30 in the
- 17 morning. And this -- I think our boat cruise was scheduled for
- 18 about 3:00, and we had lunch at McDonald's before we got there.
- 19 And I think the tour actually started a little bit before 3:00.
- 20 I remember looking at my watch. That was it. Because it had
- 21 been about a half an hour when this happened, and I thought,
- 22 "Oh, he's making a turn to turn around and come back."
- I watched his experience and he went into the waves
- 24 every time we would hit something, and my husband told me, you
- 25 do. You hit into them. But my perception of it, not that I

- 1 look back, is that the boat had a lot of seniors who were a
- 2 little overweight. He didn't have a boat that had a lot of
- 3 power. So when he started this turn, I don't think he had
- 4 enough time or power to head into the wave, which I think he
- 5 was attempting to do. And we started to roll. I think we
- 6 rolled two or three times. And each time we tipped it got a
- 7 little deeper. People started screaming.
- 8 All I can remember is my husband saying, "If this
- 9 ever happens, get out of the boat. Or if you're in a canoe,
- 10 get to where there's an air pocket." And I remembered the
- 11 large window next to us, and I think I attempted to get out of
- 12 it. Because the next thing I knew, I was in the water. I swim
- 13 a little, but not that much. I don't even like to get my head
- 14 in the water. But I opened my eyes, because I felt a hand
- 15 pulling me. I don't know whether it was a person or my angel.
- 16 And they pulled me and they pointed up. So I kicked until I
- 17 kept getting lighter and finally came out of the water.
- And then by that time the boat came up and they all
- 19 said, "Grab onto the boat. Hang onto the boat," and I did.
- 20 That was a little hard because people started hanging onto me
- 21 and other people. They started -- and we kept telling them.
- 22 And then one lady was so brave. She kept swimming back and
- 23 forth and saying, "Hang onto the boat. Hang onto the boat."
- 24 So they all got the word finally. And then pretty soon the
- 25 boats that were around us -- I think they were stunned. They

- 1 didn't know what to do, it seemed like. And then they started
- 2 throwing the life jackets in. Some floated away. But people
- 3 started picking up near me. I didn't get one until the boat
- 4 almost started to go down. I didn't have time to get it on,
- 5 but a boat was near me and I just hung on and used it like a
- 6 little paddle boat thing and paddled towards the boat. And
- 7 this lady, who I think her name is Giselle, I think she was by
- 8 herself in the boat. And she pulled each one of us out. She
- 9 was so strong, and she just kept telling me, "I'm not going to
- 10 let you go." And finally, I got in head first and I just sat
- 11 there and cried. But every time I talk about it I start
- 12 crying. I guess that's all I have to say, unless you have a
- 13 question for me.
- 14 Q. When you boarded the actual boat, can you tell me or
- 15 describe a little to me as far as the captain's demeanor, how
- 16 was he towards the other passengers?
- 17 A. Oh, he didn't say much. There was two captains, one
- 18 on the dock and one at the entrance. And the one at the
- 19 entrance is the one that went with us. And they were teasing
- 20 the one on the dock, "We want the captain with us." But he
- 21 never did come with us, just one man. There were three -- two
- 22 ladies, sisters, who were quite large. By that time there was
- 23 no room for them. They did not go on. And somebody I heard
- 24 say -- walked down there and looked at the boat and said, "I'm
- 25 not going on that." She turned around. So there were three

- 1 that actually did not go on that were planning to go, you know.
- 2 If I had had my presence of mind and looked at it, I probably
- 3 wouldn't have gotten on, either.
- 4 Q. When you first -- were you able to pick and choose
- 5 your seat or were --
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Okay, no assigned seats or any of that?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Okay. And then was there any kind of introduction
- 10 done with the captain or by the captain?
- 11 A. Well, he pointed to where the life jackets were,
- 12 which was a small bench. And it said something about children
- 13 on it. It was quite a small bench. And I remember it going
- 14 through my head, that's not enough room for life jackets for 50
- 15 people. But then I looked around and then there were none
- 16 overhead, either. That was about all he said until he started
- 17 going and telling us about the size of the lake and the depth
- 18 and how long we'd be going. And I don't recall him saying much
- 19 more than that. He may have. People talked loud and a lot on
- 20 the boat.
- 21 Q. Do you recall where the adult life jackets would have
- 22 been?
- 23 A. Well, I presumed they were in with the -- all of
- 24 them.
- 25 Q. Okay. And that was located where? Where was he

- 1 pointing?
- 2 A. You know, I said there was a bench here.
- 3 O. Yes.
- A. Well, right in here was the small storage area, yeah.
- 5 Q. Okay. Okay. When you started with your tour, how
- 6 long were you already into the actual tour before the incident
- 7 occurred?
- 8 A. Well, it was to be an eight-day, seven-night tour.
- 9 Q. Right.
- 10 A. We started on Tuesday. This was Sunday. And we
- 11 would be home on Tuesday.
- 12 Q. Okay. And then what about for when you actually got
- 13 on the cruise, the vessel?
- 14 A. The boat?
- 15 Q. The boat, yeah. How far into it were you before --
- 16 A. We started on -- 2:30, I think, is when they said
- 17 that we started out.
- 18 Q. Okay. And then how long were you before -- on board
- 19 going sightseeing before it actually capsized?
- 20 A. That's why I looked at my watch, and I said it was
- 21 almost a half an hour. And so when he started -- actually, I
- 22 did not see any huge waves. I mean, I saw some rolling like
- 23 this, which could have been enough with that boat.
- 24 Q. Yeah.
- 25 A. But I remember thinking, well, it's time, half an

- 1 hour. He's starting to turn around. And my first thoughts
- 2 when we started weaving were -- my husband always teased me in
- 3 a boat. And I said, "Oh, he's doing the same thing." Yeah,
- 4 but -- my husband's deceased, by the way.
- 5 Q. Right, sorry. Do you remember anything at all about
- 6 the other passengers on the vessel with you? Anything, maybe
- 7 where they were sitting or what happened once it rolled over?
- 8 A. Oh, gosh, I don't remember when it rolled over but
- 9 before -- I know our guide, Carol, was up in front one of
- 10 the -- you know, way in front. She's very tiny. And she was
- 11 sitting like about in there.
- 12 Q. Okay. She was your tour guide?
- 13 A. Yes. And I only knew the six of us that came from
- 14 Whitmore Lake. And my partner and I were there. And the
- 15 others were behind us and they got on a little later, so I
- 16 really don't know where they were sitting.
- 17 Q. Okay. Can you -- to the best of your knowledge, and
- 18 I know this is painful to do, but can you go back through as
- 19 far as when it rolled over and how you actually came back up
- 20 again?
- 21 A. You want me to tell you how I --
- 22 Q. Yeah, and if it was -- you know, do you remember,
- 23 through a window or --
- A. Well, when it rolled over, I remember it filled up
- 25 with water where we were. Somebody said in the back there was

- 1 air pockets, but I'm not sure. Because I remember going
- 2 underwater right away. How I got out the window, I don't know.
- 3 One fellow said that the push of the water may have sent us
- 4 through the window or maybe I just -- because I know I bruised
- 5 my ankle, the left side. I lost that shoe. I may have just
- 6 struggled to get out. I can't tell you for sure how I got out.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. All I know is, I kept telling myself I'm not going to
- 9 die. I am not going to die. Thank goodness I've been doing
- 10 water aerobics with seniors, and the water has been extremely
- 11 chilly. And we always complained about it. Not anymore, I
- 12 think it was a helpful aid.
- 13 Q. Yeah, you actually have a point there, because you're
- 14 already accustomed to it.
- 15 A. Yeah.
- 16 Q. Yeah.
- 17 A. I didn't really notice the cold until I -- the boat
- 18 almost went down and I started feeling my feet getting a little
- 19 chilly.
- 20 Q. Right.
- 21 A. But I was so interested -- like today I'm aching
- 22 here. I think it's from hanging on. I didn't ache there
- 23 before.
- Q. Yeah. Did you notice any kind of emergency exits
- 25 or -- from the vessel?

- 1 A. We were so fortunate it was a warm day. The windows
- 2 were open.
- 3 Q. The windows were open?
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. Okay.
- 6 A. Because they were huge. Well, you can see how big
- 7 they were.
- 8 Q. Yeah.
- 9 A. And, no, that would have been the only way -- gosh.
- 10 Q. Do you think all the windows were open on the vessel?
- 11 A. Quite a few of them, quite a few, yeah.
- 12 Q. Okay, okay.
- 13 A. Because I remember thinking, "It's going to be chilly
- 14 out there. Why don't they close the windows?"
- 15 Q. But your window was open, right?
- 16 A. Open, yes.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. How long do you think, your estimate, that you were
- 20 in the water before you actually got rescued?
- 21 A. It seemed like an eternity, but I would judge no
- 22 longer than 10 minutes, 10 to 15. I had lost my glasses, so I
- 23 really couldn't tell the time after that. And besides, this is
- 24 a very inexpensive watch and I figured it wouldn't work
- 25 anymore. But, you know, it stopped for a half an hour and it

- 1 started working again. I can't believe it.
- 2 Q. Do you recall seeing any kind of safety equipment on
- 3 the boat?
- 4 A. Like what?
- 5 Q. Safety equipment would be either --
- 6 A. Fire?
- 7 Q. Example -- that's a good --
- 8 A. Oh, there probably was, but I did not take note.
- 9 Q. Okay, okay. Can you describe to me how you would
- 10 think the vessel actually sank?
- 11 A. Filled up with water as it tipped.
- 12 Q. And was it the front, the back, left, right?
- 13 A. No, the action went quite even.
- Q. Okay, even?
- 15 A. Yeah.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. Yeah, it was not a front or back.
- 18 Q. Did you notice any kind of water at all prior to the
- 19 capsize or the rolling over?
- 20 A. In the boat?
- 21 O. In the boat?
- 22 A. No.
- Q. Okay. And then when it was actually, you know, I
- 24 guess --
- A. Rolling?

- 1 Q. Rolling, yeah -- did you hear anything as far as any
- 2 kind of horn, noises, that you had not heard prior?
- 3 A. There was so much screaming going on, I don't think
- 4 you could hear anything.
- 5 Q. Anything, okay.
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. Like engine noises or something?
- 9 Q. Yeah, exactly.
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Yeah, a beeping or, you know, any of that kind of
- 12 stuff?
- 13 A. He must have dialed for emergency for those people to
- 14 get there that fast, though, the person driving the boat.
- 15 Didn't he have a radio or some contact?
- 16 MS. BARNES: The boat did have a radio, but --
- MS. RILEY: Because the police were there so fast.
- 18 BY MS. BURER:
- 19 Q. Okay, so you got rescued, right, by a personal
- 20 boater?
- 21 A. I think her name was Giselle. I've tried to contact
- 22 her, but her line keeps busy, busy, busy.
- Q. Right. And how many other passengers do you recall
- 24 that --
- 25 A. She had about five of us.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. She went in, and I kept hugging her. And she says,
- 3 "No, I have to get out and get some more." So she went back
- 4 out.
- 5 Q. Okay, okay, and that was your roommate?
- 6 A. My roommate was on a different boat.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. But one of the people from Whitmore Lake was on the
- 9 same rescue boat.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. Donna said that -- I think it was a police boat
- 12 that -- she's a little hard of hearing and she said, "They
- 13 pulled me in." And I don't know what she meant, a rope or
- 14 what. I don't know.
- Q. Right. When she rescued you, along with the other,
- 16 what happened then? What did she do?
- 17 A. She got as many in as she could handle. Then she
- 18 went up to the front and drove the boat to the nearest dock.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. They took us off and then she went back out.
- Q. And who is "they," they took you off? Who would that
- 22 be?
- 23 A. It was so many people helping, I couldn't tell you.
- 24 Q. Right.
- 25 A. Whoever was on the dock helping us out. She may have

- 1 got out on the dock and helped us, too. You were there, to see
- 2 all the people? There was a chaplain there. There were
- 3 neighbors there. One lady stayed with me. Emergency people
- 4 were there. So it could have been anybody. They were all
- 5 helping.
- 6 Q. Okay. And then did you go to the hospital?
- 7 A. Well, I was one of the last, because I think the
- 8 others were more -- needed more help.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. But they finally got blankets around so we could
- 11 change our -- they were so good. They held -- two people held
- 12 sheets up while we stood up and took our wet clothes off. And
- 13 then they had hospital gowns to put on and blankets, to get us
- 14 warm.
- 15 Q. Oh, good. That's the ambulance people, I assume?
- 16 A. Must have been, because they had the blankets there.
- Q. Okay. Did you ever go to the hospital, though?
- 18 A. Oh yeah, we all had to go.
- 19 Q. Okay. Did you sustain any injuries, do you think?
- 20 A. Just this ankle -- and the doctor checked by lungs
- 21 and everything and he said, "You don't need an x-ray." They
- 22 naturally take your blood test, but they didn't run anything.
- 23 So -- because I wasn't admitted.
- Q. Oh, you were not admitted?
- 25 A. I was not admitted.

- 1 Q. Okay.
- 2 A. But we had to hang around to almost midnight, had
- 3 cold sandwiches.
- 4 O. How long do you think you were at the dock before
- 5 they transferred you or transported to the ambulance -- to the
- 6 hospital?
- 7 A. Well, they had more than one ambulance, and there
- 8 were three of us that went. We may have been the last to go.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. And on the ambulance, of course, they check your
- 11 blood pressure and your oxygen and all that stuff. God, I
- 12 can't believe what wonderful teamwork. I mean, we can't
- 13 express our gratitude.
- MS. BURER: Would you like to ask any questions?
- MS. BARNES: Just a couple.
- 16 BY MS. BARNES:
- 17 Q. This is Pat Barnes talking. When you went down to
- 18 the dock to start the tour, there were a couple of steps to go
- 19 up into the boat.
- 20 A. No, it was actually alongside. And I'm used to
- 21 getting on a moving boat, so we just stepped from the dock onto
- 22 the boat.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- 24 A. Yeah.
- Q. Did you happen to notice the waterline or how the

- 1 boat was resting in the water?
- A. Well, it was moving a little bit, not much. And we
- 3 didn't have time to go back to our bus or I would have left my
- 4 purse there. Instead, I lost my purse. I hope I can retrieve
- 5 it soon.
- Q. When people were loading on the boat, did the captain
- 7 ask any people to move to -- you know --
- A. Well, I was probably close to one of the first people
- 9 to get on. And so at that time everybody was just taking their
- 10 choice of seats. There were no assigned seats.
- 11 Q. Right.
- 12 A. So towards the end, I think, he was more or less
- 13 looking to see where he could put some more people, you know.
- Q. Okay. And now when -- you said this and I just want
- 15 to verify, I'm sorry. The waves that were rolling towards you,
- 16 as you described them, you believe that he was trying to turn
- 17 into the wave or do you believe he was turning to --
- 18 A. My perception, it was that he was trying to get
- 19 righted so he could go into the waves, but I think at some
- 20 point the power of the boat was not strong enough. And I think
- 21 the waves -- there were no whitecaps. It was like a rolling
- 22 water. And I think at some point because of the balance of the
- 23 boat and the shape of the haul, I think it just caught it the
- 24 right way. I certainly don't think he -- there was any blame
- 25 on his part, maybe.

- 1 Q. And you saw no water on the deck before that
- 2 incident, before that occurred?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 MS. BURER: Okay, that's all I have.
- 5 BY MAJ. RIVENBURGH:
- 6 Q. Okay, Steve Rivenburgh, New York State Park Police.
- 7 Ms. Riley, when you were hit with the wave and the boat started
- 8 to roll, you were on the right side of the vessel. Were you
- 9 pushed towards the left?
- 10 A. My body?
- 11 Q. Yes. Did you seem -- did you -- when you went out
- 12 the window, did you go out the left side window?
- 13 A. No, I went out the high side.
- Q. You went out the high side?
- 15 A. Which would be the right side of the boat.
- 16 Q. Okay. Okay, and you -- I know you mentioned
- 17 bruising. That was your right ankle?
- 18 A. Left.
- 19 Q. Left ankle. I wrote down "right," for some reason.
- 20 A. That's why they took me back to have it x-rayed,
- 21 because they wanted to be sure it wasn't a hairline fracture.
- 22 Q. And you mentioned that the captain did point out life
- 23 jackets, but you felt he was just talking about the life
- 24 jackets in the bow by you, correct?
- 25 A. That's what he said. Yeah, that's where they are.

- 1 Q. And I'm sorry, I was called away while you were
- 2 talking about the two-captain issue.
- A. Oh, well, we had the one who stayed with us. I don't
- 4 think it said captain, because somebody was teasing the one on
- 5 the dock that said captain, that they wanted him on the boat,
- 6 you know. But he never got on, so we just had the one.
- 7 Q. Okay. Was there any interaction between the two
- 8 captains, the two individuals?
- 9 A. You know, I can't really say. I'm not sure.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. Before they took off -- no, I can't say.
- 12 Q. Okay, you mentioned that you thought possibly that
- 13 the vessel rolled over three times, two or three times?
- 14 A. Well, you know, there was a roll and then there was a
- 15 deeper roll, and then finally the --
- 16 Q. Okay, and then it capsized?
- 17 A. Yeah.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 A. So it didn't do it all at one time. Because I had
- 20 time to think that he was pulling what my husband did a lot of
- 21 times.
- 22 Q. Okay. And so you must have had to pull yourself up
- 23 to get out the window?
- 24 A. Somebody said that the pressure would have pushed me
- 25 out. I don't know. I don't know. But I know I knew I had to

- 1 get out that window, so whether I did it or somebody pushed or
- 2 something pushed I don't know.
- 3 Q. And the life jacket that you received, was that
- 4 thrown from another boat?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. I don't think any came out of the Ethan Allen.
- Q. Okay.
- 9 A. They would have been orange, and these were all
- 10 different colored life jackets, yeah.
- 11 O. Let me see if I have any other --
- 12 A. You know, we always make so sure that when we're on a
- 13 small boat that everybody puts their life jacket on. Why not
- 14 then?
- 15 MAJ. RIVENBURGH: I have no further question.
- 16 MS. BARNES: I have one redirect.
- MS. BURER: This is Pat Barnes, again.
- BY MS. BARNES:
- 19 Q. I realize that this tour encompassed, you know, rail,
- 20 bus and -- but when you arrive here, was it one busload or two
- 21 busloads in your group or --
- 22 A. You know, there were two buses in our --
- Q. Two buses, okay.
- A. But the other bus a lot of the nights stayed at a
- 25 different motel. And I'm still not sure some of the people

- 1 from that bus came on this boat tour. But I didn't see their
- 2 leader, so they must have -- because there were like 48 on our
- 3 bus alone.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. And the other bus had a lot. So it had to have
- 6 been -- they probably went somewhere else. I never asked
- 7 anyone yet.
- 8 Q. No, that was my -- that was going to be my question.
- 9 Because you said that some of your -- the people on the tour
- 10 went on this boat and then some other individuals from your
- 11 tour went on the De Champlain?
- 12 A. No, I don't think -- I can't say. I really don't
- 13 think they went on any.
- 14 Q. Oh, okay.
- A. And I don't know what they did, but you'd have to ask
- 16 somebody from that bus. I don't know.
- 17 O. Okay. What is Carol's last name, your tour quide?
- 18 A. You know, I didn't know it up till now, and I don't
- 19 know if I've brought it with me. Mike would know. He's the
- 20 leader. It isn't there. It isn't there. I know I wrote it
- 21 down somewhere, but I can't find it. It's a very simple name,
- 22 though. I take so many notes. I don't know.
- Q. So Mike is your actual leader?
- A. Mike owns the tour business in Kingsville, Ontario.
- Q. Oh, okay. And then Carol is the person that just

- 1 goes with --
- 2 A. The guide.
- 3 Q. The actual guide?
- 4 A. Yeah.
- 5 Q. From Ontario?
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. Okay, got it, got it, okay.
- 8 A. Our bus driver was from the Detroit area, Michigan.
- 9 Q. Right.
- 10 A. So it's the first time I've ever been on a tour with
- 11 those people, and --
- MS. BARNES: I have no more questions.
- 13 BY MS. BURER:
- 14 Q. This is Mariette Burer again. You believe there were
- 15 three sisters that did not go on the --
- 16 A. Well, two of them were sisters.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. The other one, I don't really know who it was.
- 19 Somebody commented that she came down and looked at the boat
- 20 and just said, "I'm not going on that boat."
- 21 Q. Right. There were three total?
- 22 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay, okay.
- 24 A. That were scheduled, I guess -- you had to pay to get
- 25 tickets for those -- so, yeah.

- 1 Q. Oh, you actually had to pay -- and then what happened
- 2 with the ticket, then?
- 3 A. Well, our leader took care of -- we've never handled
- 4 the ticket.
- 5 Q. Oh, okay.
- 6 A. And then she just took care of paying. That was part
- 7 of the tour expense.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. So we never had a ticket.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. In our hands, you know.
- 12 Q. Right. So it's not like the captain would go ahead
- 13 and just collect these tickets?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Okay. All right, and then the other thing -- just
- 16 the last thing. You were saying earlier about -- that you were
- 17 kicking and kicking. So I assume -- do you believe that you
- 18 basically went down and then had to kick back up?
- 19 A. Well, no. By the time I got out into the water I
- 20 must have been six or eight feet down.
- 21 Q. Okay.
- 22 A. I know one lady, Carol Ann, said she -- and she had
- 23 to go down, out the boat, and then up and around. I don't even
- 24 know if I swallowed water. I must have, but I don't know what
- 25 you do.

- 1 MS. BURER: Okay, I don't have any more questions.
- 2 Do you have any more?
- 3 BY MS. BARNES:
- 4 Q. I just -- now I hope you don't think I'm dwelling on
- 5 this. But were you personally aware of the people who did not
- 6 go on the boat, or were you advised that people didn't want to
- 7 go on the boat?
- 8 A. I saw the two sisters.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. The other one I don't know.
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. I know who they are, yeah.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 A. From the tour -- I didn't know anyone else on the
- 15 tour except the six of us.
- MS. BURER: Right. Anything else?
- MS. BARNES: That's it for me.
- 18 MS. BURER: Okay. This concludes our formal
- 19 interview.
- 20 And could you just acknowledge that it's been
- 21 recorded, the interview?
- MS. RILEY: Oh, yeah -- well, yes, I acknowledge the
- 23 little equipment is in front of me I've been talking into.
- 24 Yes, what else?
- MS. BURER: Thank you very much. Thank you.

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